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ScottMadden to Review Frameworks for Grid Transformation in Illinois and Other States

ATLANTA, GA – (June 20, 2017) – ScottMadden, Inc., one of North America's leading energy consulting firms, will soon participate in a discussion about state frameworks for grid modernization at the Annual <u>Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC)</u> in Chicago, IL. This conference brings together Commissioners and staff from member state agencies, as well as representatives of regulated industries and the public at large, to share ideas and discuss regulatory and policy issues affecting their states, region, and the nation.

During a breakfast event sponsored by SEPA, <u>Cristin Lyons</u>, partner and grid transformation practice leader at ScottMadden, and Vazken Kassakhian, analyst at Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA), will discuss approaches that different states, including Illinois, are taking to grid transformation. The breakfast will provide perspectives from their new joint <u>report</u> focused on Illinois.

"Illinois has made significant investments in infrastructure that have prepared it well for the proliferation of distributed energy resources (DERs). These investments, coupled with performance-based ratemaking have laid an important foundation so that when DERs arrive at scale, the state will be ready," said Ms. Lyons.

"Illinois is an exciting field of study because across all major aspects of grid transformation, the state is making exciting progress. We see significant investments in advanced distribution grid technologies and compelling groundwork laid for a future where electricity delivery is more efficient and offers customers more choices, while utilities nimbly manage a potential influx of customer-sited resources to yield value back to the grid," said Mr. Kassakhian.

For more information regarding grid transformation in Illinois, or other states, please <u>contact us</u>. To view ScottMadden and SEPA's white paper, please <u>click here</u>.

About Smart Electric Power Alliance

The Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA) is an educational non-profit and a trusted platform for education, research and collaboration to help utilities deploy and integrate solar, storage, demand response, and other distributed energy resources. Created in 1992, we currently have over 1,000 members who represent the whole spectrum of industry stakeholders. Utilities, ISOs, large energy users, corporate and non-profits look to us to facilitate solutions for today's challenges and to meet tomorrow's electricity needs for the next decade and beyond. For more information, visit www.solarelectricpower.org | Twitter | Facebook | LinkedIn

About ScottMadden's Grid Transformation Practice

For more than 30 years, ScottMadden has helped our clients transform the way they operate, plan, and maintain the grid and interact with their customers. The Grid Transformation practice focuses on helping clients adapt to the myriad changes driven by the increasing penetration of distributed energy resources, such as distributed generation, storage, demand response, and

microgrids. We help our clients choose the path that meets their reliability, customer, and regulatory goals, and then we help them implement it.

About ScottMadden, Inc.

ScottMadden is the management consulting firm that does what it takes to get it done right. Our practice areas include Energy, Clean Tech & Sustainability, Corporate & Shared Services, and Grid Transformation. We deliver a broad array of consulting services ranging from strategic planning through implementation across many industries, business units, and functions. To learn more, visit <u>www.scottmadden.com | Twitter | Facebook | LinkedIn</u>

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